

Amendments to the Claims

1. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal comprising:
a case ~~being that is~~ approximately palm-sized;
a display device having a screen, the display device being stored in said case such that the screen ~~exposes~~ is exposed to outside of said case;
an electronic circuit operable to control said display device; and
a hooking portion that is provided in an outward-protruding portion of said case,
wherein said electronic circuit is stored in said case, and
wherein said hooking portion is formed such that a finger can be inserted into an inside of said hooking portion.
2. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1,
wherein said case is ~~formed in~~ tabular.
3. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1,
wherein said case has a face that is on an opposite side of the screen, and said face ~~swells~~ is swollen outwardly such that said face of said case fits a palm.
4. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1,
wherein said case and said display device are deformable ~~able to deform~~.
5. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said hooking portion is formed by a part of said case.
6. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said hooking portion has a shape of a ring protruding toward outside from said case.
7. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said hooking portion has a shape of a hook protruding toward outside from said case.

8. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said hooking portion has a shape of a carabiner.

9. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said hooking portion is shaped such that one finger can be inserted into said hooking portion.

10. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said hooking portion is shaped such that a plurality of fingers can be inserted into said hooking portion.

11. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, further comprising

a button portion operable to input information into said electronic circuit,
wherein said button portion is arranged along said hooking portion.

12. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein said button portion ~~in~~ is located so as to correspond to at least one of a plurality of fingers of a user.

13. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, further comprising

a button portion operable to input information into said electronic circuit,
wherein said button portion is arranged at a corner portion of said case.

14. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said case comprises a protective frame ~~surrounding~~ about an edge portion of said case.

15. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 14, wherein said hooking portion protrudes toward outside from said protective frame.

16. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 14, wherein said protective frame is ~~made up~~ formed of elastic material.

17. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 14, further comprising
a button portion operable to input information into said electronic circuit,
wherein said button portion is arranged at a corner portion of said protective frame.

18. **(Currently amended)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim ~~17~~ 14,
~~wherein said~~ further comprising
button ~~portion~~ portions operable to input information into said electronic circuit and
respectively is arranged at both a left corner portion of said protective frame and a right corner
portion of said protective frame respectively.

19. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said
hooking portion comprises a light-emitting portion operable to notify a user of a state.

20. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said
hooking portion comprises at least one of an electronic tag reader and an electronic tag writer.

21. **(Original)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein said
display device is equipped with at least one of a touch panel function and a tablet function.

22. **(New)** A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein
said case has a front surface that is generally tabular, and a rear surface opposite said front
surface;

said display device is disposed such that said screen is exposed at said front surface of
said case;

said rear surface is formed with a swollen portion configured to fit in a palm; and

said hooking portion is arranged such that, with the finger inserted into said hooking
portion, said swollen portion of said rear surface of said case is fit in the palm.

23. (New) A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 22, wherein
said case is provided with a button portion operable to be manipulated by the finger to
input information into said electronic circuit;

said button portion is arranged such that, when the finger is inserted into said hooking
portion, said button portion is operable by the finger.

24. (New) A mobile information terminal as recited in claim 1, wherein
said hooking portion is formed such that plural fingers can be inserted into an inside of
said hooking portion;

said case has a front surface that is generally tabular, and a rear surface opposite said front
surface;

said display device is disposed such that said screen is exposed at said front surface of
said case;

said rear surface is formed with a swollen portion configured to fit in a palm;

said hooking portion is arranged such that, with the plural fingers inserted into said
hooking portion, said swollen portion of said rear surface of said case is fit in the palm;

said case is provided with plural button portions operable to be manipulated by the plural
fingers to input information into said electronic circuit;

said button portions are arranged such that, when the plural finger are inserted into said
hooking portion, said button portions are operable by the plural fingers.